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Thanks

... to our amazing team of camp parents for services beyond the call of duty this week.

... to Applied Conveyor and Polymers Ltd for their generous sponsorship of our Senior Rugby 7's Team ... and to Jo Hemara for managing our team.

People of the week

... Mr Schuster for his meticulous efforts in the run-up to, and during, this week's camp, and Mrs Jongkind and Mr Johnson for being a critical part of the camp support team.

... Our Senior Lit Quiz teams, 1 team achieved second place (just 1 point behind the winners), and the other team achieved a very respectable 17th place (out of 30 teams). Awesome achievements in a very competitive event.

... Che Johnson who chose to stay at a bus stop this week with two younger children whose mum had not arrived for her customary pick up. Well done!

Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

12 March	School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)
14 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
15 March	School Swimming Sports (years 1 to 3)
19 March	Junior Marine Trip 1
20 March	School Duathlon - Teams Event
21 March	School Duathlon - Individual Event
26 March	Junior Marine Trip 2
27 March	ESOL Trip (more to follow)
3 April	Easter Tuesday, School Holiday
9 April	Visiting Drama Group
11 April	Northland Swim Champs
13 April	Final day of term 1 (30 April first day of term 2)

School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8) - Monday 12 March

The schedule (approximately) for the above event is as follows ...

9:30 - 10:30	Freestyle Races - 1 Length
10:30 - 10:45	INTERVAL
10:50 - 11:20	Freestyle Races - 2 Lengths
11:20 - 12:00	Backstroke - 1 Length
12:00 - 12:30	Backstroke - 2 Lengths
12:30 - 1:00	LUNCH
1:05 - 1:40	Breaststroke - 1 Length
1:40 - 2:00	Breaststroke - 2 Length
2:00	House Relays
2:15	Novelty Relays
2:30	Prize Giving, Acknowledgments and Thanks

All parents, grandparents & whanau are most welcome to join us.

Thank you to Graeme Bird Concrete Cutting and Drilling who are the generous sponsors of this year's School Swimming Sports.

In last week's newsletter (available via our website - newsletter tab, or from the office on request)

Needing help with your digital device?

International Schools Competitions

Headlice Inspections

Parents Attending Board Meetings

School contributions and events fee

Thank you to those who have already paid school contributions and fees. Parents with outstanding school contributions and fees and are asked to get these to the office at their nearest convenience please. The school contribution is voluntary, but the board encourages people to pay out of fairness to other families. The events fee is used to pay for visiting drama groups and special events but is not required where a parent requests that their child is exempted from these events. Happy to discuss alternative payment arrangements which make things easier for you. Thank you.

International Schools Exam Consents

... will go out next week with those who express interest, or whose parents have expressed interest. Please contact the office by this coming Friday if you were expecting a consent and did not receive one. Please note that consents are due back by Thursday March 29 (no extensions please).

For your interest, examination dates are as follows ... English Exam ... 31 July, Maths Exam ... 14 August.

Toys / Trading Cards

A reminder please to ensure that children do not bring toys or trading cards to school. If your child does have a precious item they would like to share, this could be brought to school by arrangement, shared at an appropriate time, and then looked after by their teacher until home time.

Pool Gate

A reminder to pool users to please ensure that the pool gate is locked when you leave. This is one of the obligations that all pool users have and is critical from a safety point of view.

(Please also remember to close all boundary gates when entering or exiting the school).

School Duathlon Events - 20 &/or 21 March

For year 4-8 students, will take place as follows -

Team event - Tuesday 20 March 12.50-1.40pm

Individual Event - Wednesday 21 March 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome on the day to support. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please.

Junior Trip to Reotahi

Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)

Monday 19th March (Rooms 3 & 4)

Monday 26th March (Rooms 1, 2, 5)

Permissions forms have been sent home this week. Please return as soon as possible to your class teacher.

We will need a lot of parent help on this day for the water based activities, so please reserve these dates if at all possible. Any questions please contact Mrs Robertson or your child's teacher.

School Direction for 2018

Kevin is also available by appointment, and is happy to speak with individuals or groups. We can also arrange chats on topics of special interest, just let us know where your interests especially lie.

New Junior Room

We are pleased to confirm that year 1 students arriving from the beginning of next term will join a brand new class located in the space between rooms 1 and 2. Mrs Walker and Mrs Marvin will collaboratively teach in room 1, and its adjoining spaces, with a shared responsibility for these learners. Mrs Robertson is happy to answer any questions.

Finally

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams. **The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others.** Please do

not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 - Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$5.00.

PLUS NEW - \$4.50 - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or Salad Wrap with a juice
\$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple, or a mixed cup.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Indoor Bowls – at Ruatangata Hall, 7.30pm each Wednesday. Start 14 March. All new members welcome – ph Alan 435 0141 or Ben 435 1570 for info

Have your Say meeting – Ruatangata Hall, Thursday 15th March 6.30pm

AgriKids – Northern Regional final – Kerikeri 17 March. Open entry for all primary school age students aged 8 to 13. Free to enter. Compete in teams of 3. Top 3 teams from Kerikeri go to Grand Final on 5-7 July in Invercargill! Sign up now – agrikidsnz.co.nz.

Battery Recycling Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

Kamo Touch A Truck! The Kamo Fire Brigade are running their annual fundraising day. Sunday 18th March, Hurupaki School 10am – 3pm. Many local community businesses that have come together to support this event by offering machinery and vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to learn about, climb in and have some great hands on experiences with. There will be Rides, Food, Fire Fighting Combat Challenge and competitions.

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day Will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more information contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club Registration - If your child is interested in playing hockey this year please send details to ruatangatajmc@gmail.com, including name, school, age, year at school and DOB.

Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8 Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class; Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park. Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm; \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session. We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn. Ph Jessica 027 925 4538.

ASB will donate \$500.00 to participating schools for every **new home loan** over \$250,000.00 taken with ASB when a voucher is presented by a borrower from your school community (school staff, parents, extended Whanau). There are some terms and conditions to be met and these are fully disclosed on the voucher – ask at the school office.

The Teenage Brain – presented by Nathan Wallis. Thursday 14 April. Tickets through Ticketek \$40. Nathan will start with an introduction to neuroscience and brain development and work towards the teenage brain from there. It is an interactive seminar. Topics covered include (but not limited to) – learning, risk taking, alcohol & drug taking, sleeping patterns, communicating with teens & so on.

**Kids Lit Quiz Team – 2nd place getters
with Quiz master Wayne Mills**

